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A copy of each of the listed foreign documents is attached. Copies of the U.S. patent references are not included per the July 11, 2003 waiver of 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i), which states that copies of each cited U.S. patent are no longer required for applications filed after June 30, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making an appropriate notation on the attached form.

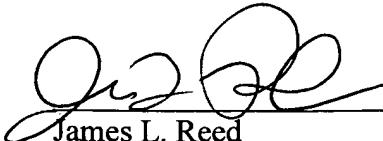
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes	No
		EP 1 182 364 A3	08/2003	Europe				
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